



# INFORMATION

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### February

- 2-3 SLS/CLC-Grand Rapids, MI
  - 1LT John Johnson
  - MAJ Mark Phleeger
- 3 Of the Year Awards DUE
- 4-8 InLand SAR School
  - MAJ Carol Heeringa
- 22-23 MIWG Cadet and Color Guard Competition
  - LTC Pam Saile

### March

- 9 Senior Member Lvl II Trng
  - LTC Pam Saile
- 16 Counter Drug Seminar
  - CPT Jerry Bradow
- 23 Communications Course
  - CPT Pat Gorman
- 23 Table Top ES Training
  - MAJ Carol Heeringa

### April

- 4-6 Natl Congress on AE
  - Washington D.C.
- 6 Navigation Competition
  - c/2LT Gus Gettas
- 22-25 Chaplain Reg Staff College
  - Wright Patterson AFB
- 26-28 Practice SAR—TBD

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

*By MAJ Mark Phleeger*

The dates were December 1st and 8th for the Squadron Leadership Course and the Corporate Learning Course being taught at the Genesee County Skill Center, Flint, Michigan. A total of 30 members from 10 units throughout Michigan participated in either the Squadron Leadership or the Corporate Leadership Course.

**CPT Bill Dumont, 1LT Annette Laker, 1LT Tim Schlicht, CPT Ben Powers** and many others, learned about the specific requirements and duties requirements of the many administrative and command positions involved in CAP as part of the Squadron Leadership School.

At the same time, a smaller group of students were being indoctrinated to the finer details



**Corporate Learning Course Students**

associated with running CAP programs. **CPT Jerry Bradow, 1LT David Zarko, 1LT Joe DeMars, 1LT Samuel McAllister, CPT Roy Kauer and CPT Terri Couls**

At the end of the course, **Col. Amy Courter** presented certificates to all the members who successfully completed their respective course.

A special thanks is extended from **Dave Janus** and **David Zarko**, coordinators of the SLS/CLC, to all the members who served as instructors. In particular, a special thanks goes to **LTC's Michael and Pamela Saile**, and **LTC Patrick Melville** for their extra effort in making this a successful training program. Without the help of these dedicated CAP members, many would have missed out on

## A FIRST FOR CAP? PERHAPS!

*By CPT Bill Dumont*

On a windy January 4th, history for the CAP may have been made at the Monroe Custer Airport. **SM Stephen Hopson** of the **Selfridge Cadet Squadron** took his first CAP Form 5 check ride with **CAPT Bill Dumont**, the Wing Standards and Evaluation Officer. What is so special this check ride, SM Hopson is deaf!

The FAA allows pilots with many disabilities to operate aircraft. His pilot certificate and medical have restrictions that allow him to fly as a private pilot, but not operate in areas requiring radio operation. This includes that area around major airports U.S.

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**S/M Stephen Hopson after his successful CAPF5 Check Ride**

**CIVIL AIR PATROL** is a non-profit volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Founded on December 1, 1941, this national organization works with youth, 12 years of age and older, to meet our mission of developing dynamic young American leaders. Civil Air Patrol's volunteer personnel use its resources to meet emergencies, to encourage aerospace education of the general public, and to motivate young men and women to ideals of leadership and service through aerospace education and training.

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## VTD BITS

- Effective 31 Dec 2001, all VHF radios used by CAP must meet NTIA "wideband" standards. Unfortunately, most of the old radios owned by members and the Wing are NOT compliant and can no longer be used. SORRY.
- The new Emergency Services test can be found at <https://data.ntc.cap.gov/ntc/ops/tests/default.cfm>
- Encampment is scheduled for 21-27 July 2002 at Phelps Collins in Alpena. Seniors interested in serving as TAC officers should email LTC Pam Saile at [ps8owat@wsdmi.org](mailto:ps8owat@wsdmi.org).
- Check out this AE resource: <http://mdlh.hws.edu/cap/modules/>

**"In the periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better."**

-Harry S Truman

## MIWG Conference

Michigan Wing's annual Conference will be held on 10-12 May 2002 at the Homestead Resort ([www.thehomesteadresort.com](http://www.thehomesteadresort.com)) in Glen Arbor, Michigan. CAP has arranged \$49/night rates that this first class resort.

Conference registrations will be mailed in the coming months. Additional information will be available at <http://miwg.cap.gov/conference.htm> in February.

Volunteers are need to man the registration booth, assist with conference logistics and many other areas. Both members and non-members can assist.

### Note from the Editor

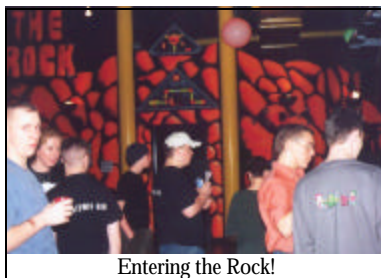
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## ZAP! & UNITS IN ACTION

The latest Annual Laser Tag competition was held on 27 Dec 2001 in Farmington Hills, MI. Nearly 81 participants from six area squadrons joined in this growing event.

While the competition was as tough as ever, the **Bouille-Norman Cadet Squadron** was this years



Entering the Rock!

champion. Individual honors went to **Cadet Joshua Anderson** of the **Adrian Composite Squadron** as this years "Sharp Shooter". - Submitted by C/CPT

Jennifer Gorman

It was a great month in public relations for MIWG CAP. WNEM 5

news lead with the contribu-

tions of CAP and what it has to offer the community. Members from the **Bay City Cadet Squadron**, **Flint Bishop Senior Squadron** and the **Daniel Prose Memorial Cadet Squadron** were featured in this highly visible story. A hearty well done is extended to **CPT Rick Lauterbach** who initiated contact with the news station to arrange for the interview.

Elsewhere around the Wing, CAP was highlighted on channel 50 (WKBD) and 62 (WJKB) in Detroit. We also received front page billing in the Grand Rapids Press.

Lets tell the world our story!!

## A CAP FIRST!!

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What can he do for the CAP? Currently he is working to accumulate enough hours to become a mission transport pilot which will allow him to transport aircraft, materials and people to a mission. He is actively working on his scanner and observer training, in preparation for his training towards mission pilot. In most instances, he will have to fly with a qualified CAP pilot, but he will be another resource supporting our emergency service operations.

He learned about the CAP and became a member with the idea of becoming a pilot for the

CAP. Stephen quickly went through initial requirements of level one training, completion of the Emergency Services test and the new 2002 exam based on CAPR 60-1.

In private life, Stephen's is an employee of Troy Executive at Troy-Oakland airport as well as a motivational speaker, which requires a great deal of travel. Having his pilot certificate is a big plus in his speaking career. He is also a member of the International Deaf Pilots Association and contributes articles to their quarterly newsletter.

How did his check ride go? "Great!", says CAPT Dumont, his CAP checkpilot.

"Preparation is the key to any successful flight and Stephen was well prepared. In spite of his hearing disability, he reads lips well, gets his weather briefings via computer and portable telephone communication devices," commented CAPT Dumont. More importantly, he noted "Perhaps because of his hearing disability, he is extremely alert to the environment around him. I anticipate that if he maintains the enthusiasm he currently has and continues to work on his skills as a pilot, he will excel in the Civil Air Patrol."

Congratulations SM Stephen!

## BAY CITY DF TRAINING by LTC Mark Sinicki

Members of the **Bay City Cadet Squadron** endured snow, rain, fog and balky equipment to successfully complete a mock ELT search on 08 December 2001.

Cadets and seniors first converged on the unit's meeting site in Bay City. The trainees were briefed on mission basics - and then details of the scenario which would involve the tracking and recovery of an

ELT. A short road trip later and the DF unit was taken out for an initial reading near MBS International Airport, Freeland.

Several readings later, the trainees stopped at a township water pumping station. A technique was demonstrated of using one's body to block the ELT signal to determine it's approximate location relative to your own. A "rubber ducky" antennae was employed -- which brought the team to

within 100 yards of the prize.

Within a few minutes the ELT was found hidden in an evergreen near the pumping station. Debriefing was carried out over soft drinks and snacks at the nearest Taco Bell restaurant.

The trainees included **SM Brad Stricker**, **C/Amn Jason Stricker**, **C/Amn David Johnson**, **C/B Jason De-Mitchell**, and **C/B Doug Bemelis**.